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Fast Track to Innovation: Pilot Launched 6 Jan 2015

The Fast Track to Innovation (FTI) pilot is a fully-bottom-up measure in Horizon 2020 to promote close-to-the-market innovation activities, and open to all types of participants.

This new instrument can provide support for

- Advanced and specific research and development activities
- Standard setting and advanced performance testing / piloting / demonstration activities
- Validation of solutions in real working conditions / certification
- Business model validation

For industry rich small consortia, working at TRL levels of 6-9. Proposals will be batched, with the following close dates 29 Apr, 1 Sept, 1 Dec

Launch event slideset : <http://www.ictic.org/h/FTTMaster.ppt>

Other links : <http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/horizon2020/en/h2020-section/fast-track-innovation-pilot-2015-2016>

This latter includes link to FTI Workprogramme

ICT-16 Big Data networking day

See: <https://ec.europa.eu/digital-agenda/en/news/horizon-2020-ict-16-big-data-networking-day> The event is fully booked. All presentations will be made public on the above page after the event

ICT-16 addresses fundamental research problems related to the scalability and responsiveness of analytics. Special focus is on industry-validated, user-defined challenges like predictions, and rigorous processes for monitoring and measurement.

A draft agenda of the networking day [16 January] can be found [HERE](#). In parallel to the afternoon ICT-16 networking session a workshop on multilingual data value chains will be held. More information see [HERE](#).

The Channel Islands (a well known 'Third Country')

Participants from the islands are NOT eligible for funding, but can participate as a third country. There 'may' be help available for organisations in the Channel Islands where the project or collaboration is considered strategically important – More Info: Channel Islands Brussels Office Phone: +32 2 639 14 40 N Email: steve.williams@channelislands.eu

Brokerage Event: ICT-25 "Generic micro- and nano-electronic technologies"

Brussels [Ave de Beaulieu] 18 February 2015

Detailed information on ICT-25 and other associated topics. More information 'soon' – they say

<https://ec.europa.eu/digital-agenda/en/news/brokerage-event-h2020-ict-generic-micro-and-nano-electronic-technologies>

Annotated Model Grant Agreement – reflecting recent amendments

See http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/grants_manual/amga/h2020-amga_en.pdf

The purpose of this 600 page tome is to help users understand and interpret the GAs, by avoiding technical vocabulary, legal references and jargon, and seeking to help readers find answers to any practical questions they may have about particular parts of the GAs.

In the same spirit, the document's structure mirrors that of the GAs. It explains each GA Article and includes examples where appropriate

A detailed overview on all articles that have been subject to changes can be found at the beginning of the document.

SME Instrument Submissions

SUBMISSIONS to the last cut off date in 2014 (17 Dec 2014)

Topic	Phase 1	Phase 2
Blue growth (BG-12-2014-1)	29	12
Biotechnology (BIOTEC-5a-2014-1)	82	13
(Urban critical infrastructures DRS-17-2014-1)	63	26
ICT (ICT-37-2014-1)	713	177
Green transport (IT-1-2014-1)	253	62
Nanotechnology (NMP-25-2014-1)	263	70
Diagnostics devices and biomarkers (PHC-12-2014-1)	195	91
Eco-innovation and sustainable raw material supply (SC5-20-2014-1)	244	68
Sustainable food production and processing (SFS-08-2014-1)	158	31
Low carbon energy systems (SIE-01-2014-1)	298	68
Space (Space-SME-2014-1)	65	11
TOTAL	2363	629

Results by end Feb (Phase1) and April (Phase 2)

PROJECTS: Since the launch of the programme 333 projects involving 361 SMEs have been selected for EU grants under Phase 1 of the SME Instrument,

The first Phase 2 batch (cut off 9 October 2014). received 580 proposals involving 785 SMEs Evaluation by independent experts showed that 132 passed thresholds, of which 59% have been selected for funding.

List of beneficiaries from previous batches:

http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/doc/call/h2020/h2020-smeinst-1-2014/1637612-sme-instrument-phase1-beneficiaries_en.pdf